



# St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir

## Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 7:30 pm  
Three Kings Fornham All saints

- 1.0 The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Ross Van de Zande on to the committee as Vice Chairman.
- 1.1 **Apologies:** Andrew Conquest
- 1.2 **Present:** Rob Bream(Chair), Ross Van de Zande, Ivor Thulborn, Ian Robertson, David Peck, Nick Gane, Kevin Farrell, Mark Jefferson & Malcolm Lodge(Sec.).
- 2.0 **Acceptance of the Minutes of the Last Meeting:** Minutes of the meeting held on 20/05/19 were signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.
- 3.0 **Matters Arising:**
- 3.1 **RB** reported there had been an initial meeting regarding the proposed Austrian tour in 2020 and the next one would be on the 18<sup>th</sup> June. **RB**
- 4.0 **Appointment of Music Team:** The appointment of the Music Team of **Mark Jefferson, Calvin Goymer, Simon Shirm & Paul Davis** was unanimously agreed by the Committee. **ALL**
- 5.0 **Kevin Farrell(website coordinator)& David Peck(Librarian)**Both agreed to the invitation from the Committee to continue their respective roles. **ALL**
- 6.0 **Music Team Report: MJ**
- 6.1 Although admitting he was backtracking, **MJ** believes the first verse of Fix You is better sung by **all** the Top tenors rather than as a solo and has decided to adopt this for concerts. He added there will be opportunities in the future for solo performances in other music. **MJ**
- 7.0 **Concert Secretary's Report: IT**
- 7.1 Programme for Bob Emery's Memorial Service on Saturday 21st September at King Edward School is underway and includes The Pilgrims Chorus a piece of music that Bob specifically requested.
- 7.2 Clare concert Saturday October 12<sup>th</sup> with Gemma Alexander as soloist
- 7.3 Concert at St Mary's Church Bury St Edmunds for the Tearfund Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November
- 7.4 Felsham concert now proposed for March 2020 **IT** to organise a date with **AC** **IT/AC**
- 7.5 Men2Sing concert on May 16<sup>th</sup> 2020 possibly at Chelmsford Cathedral. **IT**
- 7.6 6<sup>th</sup> June concert in Rattlesden 2020 with the afterglow in the local pub.
- 7.7 Concert With Mansfield SEMVC on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020 probably at St John's Bury St Edmunds with a proposal from **IT** that the money raised should be given to St John's to go towards the work currently being carried out on the roof. The committee agreed to this. **IT**
- 7.8 **IT** proposed that the choir sing in Ickworth Church on a Sunday afternoon in September 2020, date to be confirmed. **IT**

- 7.91 Joint concert with Honington Military Wives & LIFT(Hospital Choir)proposed for the APEX in either October or November 2020. **IT** will be in contact with Debbie from Military Wives to confirm the date. **IT**
- 7.92 **IT** suggested that the members who aren't in possession of a blue shirt should be encouraged to purchase at least one so as to give the choir an alternative to the black ones. This to be raised at notices. **IT/RB**
- 8.0 **Concert Manager's Report: IR**
- 8.1 **IR** said he has booked Bury St Edmunds Golf Club for the Choir's annual dinner on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020
- 8.2 APEX has been booked for the choir recording on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020.
- 9.0 **Chairman's Report: RB**
- 9.1 A date for a meeting with the sub-committee for the APEX recording needs to be arranged. Jules Mills and Graham Poole have put their names forward to join the sub-committee. **RB**
- 9.3 Meeting for the proposed Austrian Tour is arranged for Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. Judy Robertson passed on some information regarding using a company to arrange all of the tour instead of the choir doing it themselves. **RB** said the costings look better than can be arranged within the choir. Further details to follow in the near future. The date for the tour will probably be 2<sup>nd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020. **RB**
- 10.0 **Vice Chairman's Report: R VdZ**
- 10.1 The proposed new logo was circulated with agreement after discussion for Viv to go ahead with the changes. **ALL**
- 11.0 **Treasurer's Report: AC** Absent Report attached.
- 11.1 The funds we currently hold are £43368 plus euro 174.40. The balance includes funds from the two events since the year end namely the joint concert at St Peters with Les Canards Sauvages and Sing for your Supper.
- The concert at St Peters with Les Canards Sauvages(and including the afterglow net cost of £68) made a small surplus of £105.
- Sing for your Supper made a surplus of £494. Ticket sales were £930 and raffle made £227. The expenses were £663 - hall hire £131 and drink etc was £532.
- Since our year end (31 March) we have received the donation of £160 from the borough for our attendance at the Christmas Fayre and stage hire of £50 from the Barton players. I have also invoiced Culford school £300 for hire of the stage for their speech day. I have also banked £25 for CD sales made at the St Peter's concert!
- We have paid coach hire for the Suffolk show of £300 ( donations from users to come) and £100 deposit for the Apex booked for 25 January 2020.

- 12.0 **Secretary's Report: ML** No Report
- 13.0 **Membership Secretary's Report: NG**
- 13.1 **NG** said he would send **IR** the up to date members data file . **NG**
- 13.2 Potential new member from Cambridge, David Davies baritone.
- 13.3 **NG** to remind members that anyone who wishes to circulate information to the membership it should be done through him. Members must not send emails with everyone's details showing, **NG**
- 14.0 **Librarian's Report: DP**
- 14.1 Waiting for the sheet music **We Rise Again** **DP**
- 15.0 **Website: KF**
- 15.1 The uploading of some of the choirs singing on social media is causing concern among the committee. **KF** said unfortunately it is difficult to monitor. It was agreed by the committee to add this to the agenda for the next meeting. **ML**
- 16.0 **Any Other Business:**
- 16.1 Graham Poole(baritone)suggested that advertising in Doctor's Surgery's for new members might be productive with a sign saying "Singing is good for you". Committee feels this could be a good idea as long as the surgeries are willing for the choir to advertise. **ALL**
- 16.2 **IT** reported that Howard Primary were in severe financial problems and it is very unlikely that the piano will be tuned again and therefore proposes that the choir pay for this. He also said that the school was hoping to run a coach to the O2 Arena next year for the children to attend a singing concert. **MJ** suggested that the choir offer to pay for the coach. This was agreed by the committee. **ALL**
- 17.0 **Date of next meeting:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 7:00 pm Three Kings Fornham All Saints with Section Leaders . **ALL**

